

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/698,001
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Applicants: Hidenori Usuda
Group Art Unit: 2861
Examiner: Shelby Lee Fidler
Title: DROPLET DISCHARGING APPARATUS AND METHOD,
FILM MANUFACTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD,
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
Attorney Docket: 9319S-000575

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 20, 2008, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-6, 8-13 and 37-39), with traverse.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the restriction requirement since all groups of claims are sufficiently related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining all groups in a single application. MPEP § 803

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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